
NOTICE**NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION REVIEW COMMITTEE: FINDING****AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior**ACTION:** Finding Regarding Human Remains Identified as 12-5456, from the Hawaiian Islands.

After full and careful consideration of all information and arguments submitted and presented by representatives of the P.A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, CA, and Hui Mālama I Nā Kūpuna 'O Hawai'i Nei, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee have been unable to determine that the preponderance of the evidence indicates that there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between present day Native Hawaiian organizations and those human remains identified as 12-5456.

The human remains, currently in the possession of the P.A. Hearst Museum, consist of a fragmentary skull accessioned by the museum in 1935. The individual is noted in the catalog as deriving from the Hawaiian Islands. In a letter acknowledging the gift, the acting curator refers to the individual as a "Polynesian." The Committee considered contextual, osteological, and spiritual information in arriving at their finding.

While the Committee has been unable to determine that the preponderance of the evidence indicates a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between present day Native Hawaiian organizations and those human remains identified as 12-5456, the Committee noted that:

- 1) the human remains are from the Hawaiian Islands;
- 2) the scientific or educational value the human remains may have for the P.A. Hearst Museum is very small and has been reduced further by the current dispute; and
- 3) the necessary expertise for clarifying the cultural affiliation of these human remains is available in Hawaii.

To resolve this issue, the Committee recommends that the P.A. Hearst Museum transfer the remains identified as 12-5456 to a museum in Hawaii for future consideration of cultural affiliation and care.

Dated: March 28, 1993

Ms. Tessie Naranjo
Chair, Native American Graves Protection
and Repatriation Review Committee